

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Lisa Goldman
Acting City Manager

Date: May 17, 2011

Re: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Submit a Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of \$109,546 in FY11-12 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Funding and to Execute All Necessary Documents

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Development Act (TDA), Public Utilities Code Sections 99233.3 and 99234, makes funds available in the nine-county Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) region for pedestrian/bicycle purposes. MTC makes annual allocations of TDA Article 3 funds to eligible claimants after review of applications submitted by counties or congestion management agencies. All cities and counties in each of the nine MTC region counties are eligible to claim funds under TDA Article 3. Joint powers agencies are also eligible. Alameda County funds are allocated and apportioned by the planning area population, and are submitted as part of a countywide coordinated TDA Article 3 claim. The City of Alameda's planning area also includes the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, and Albany. MTC has allocated funds for TDA Article 3 pedestrian/bicycle projects for FY11-12.

DISCUSSION

Consistent with the adopted Bicycle Master Plan update and based on feedback from the bicycle community, the Public Works Department staff requests approval to submit three projects for the FY11-12 TDA Article 3 funding cycle. The first project will provide the local match for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) federal grant recently received by the City to install bicycle lanes and reduce the number of travel lanes along Shoreline Drive/Westline Drive. This project is listed as a high priority in the Bicycle Master Plan update. The second project will fund the feasibility study to provide pedestrian and bicycle access through Neptune Park via an off-street (Class I) path between Webster Street and Constitution Way at Wilver "Willie" Stargell Avenue and is listed as a medium priority project in the Bicycle Master Plan update. The third project will install bicycle parking at various locations throughout the city based on community and business requests and provide a related outreach program. This project is listed as

a high priority in the Bicycle Master Plan update. For the City to receive these funds, MTC requires that the City Council adopt a resolution indicating support for the proposed projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funds for the Shoreline Drive/Westline Drive bike lane project will be budgeted in the Capital Improvement Program when the HSIP grant from Caltrans becomes available. Caltrans has selected the City for funding in the amount of \$416,400 from the HSIP grant with a local match of \$46,400. TDA Article 3 funds will act as the local match for this HSIP grant. The feasibility study for the proposed Neptune Park path is estimated to cost \$53,146. The remaining requested amount of \$10,000 will be used for enhancing bicycle parking and related public outreach in the city. These projects will not impact the General Fund.

MUNICIPAL CODE/POLICY DOCUMENT CROSS REFERENCE

This action does not affect the Alameda Municipal Code. The projects directly support General Plan Objective 4.3.2, "Enhance opportunities for pedestrian access and movement by developing, promoting, and maintaining pedestrian networks and environments," and General Plan Policy 4.3.3.a, "Maintain and implement the Bicycle Master Plan with regard to physical system improvements (especially the identified priority projects), as well as programs and policies relating to encouragement, education and enforcement."

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the California Environmental Act (CEQA), the bicycle parking project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), Existing Facilities. The Shoreline Drive/Westline Drive bicycle lane project and the Neptune Park path project will undergo project level environmental review during the planning process.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Acting City Manager to submit a request to the MTC for the allocation of \$109,546 in FY11-12 TDA Article 3 funding and to execute all necessary documents.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew T. Naclerio
Public Works Director

By,



Gail Payne
Transportation Coordinator

Approved as to funds and account,



Fred Marsh
Controller

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE ALLOCATION OF \$109,546 IN FY11-12 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 3 FUNDING AND TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Approved as to Form
City Attorney

WHEREAS, Article 3 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99200 et seq., authorizes the submission of claims to a regional transportation planning agency for the funding of projects exclusively for the benefit and/or use of pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay region, has adopted MTC Resolution No. 875, Revised, entitled "Transportation Development Act, Article 3, Pedestrian/Bicycle Projects," which delineates procedures and criteria for submission of requests for the allocation of "TDA Article 3" funding; and

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 875, Revised requires that requests for the allocation of TDA Article 3 funding be submitted as part of a single, countywide coordinated claim from each county in the San Francisco Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda desires to submit a request to MTC as part of Alameda County's TDA Article 3 claim for the allocation of TDA Article 3 funds to support the projects described in Attachment B to this resolution, which are for the exclusive benefit or use of pedestrians or bicyclists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alameda City Council that the Acting City Manager is authorized to submit a request to the MTC for the allocation of \$109,546 in FY10-11 TDA, Article 3 funding and to execute all necessary documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alameda City Council declares it is eligible to request an allocation of TDA Article 3 funds pursuant to Section 99234 of the PUC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is no pending or threatened litigation that might adversely affect the project or projects described in Attachment B to this resolution, or that might impair the ability of the City of Alameda to carry out the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Alameda attests to the accuracy of and approves the statements in Attachment A to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution and its attachments, and any accompanying supporting materials shall be forwarded to the congestion management agency, countywide transportation planning agency, or county association of governments, as the case may be, of Alameda County for submission to MTC as part of the countywide coordinated TDA Article 3 claim.

Attachment A

Findings

1. That the City of Alameda is not legally impeded from submitting a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds, nor is the City of Alameda legally impeded from undertaking the project(s) described in "Attachment B" of this resolution.
2. That the City of Alameda has committed adequate staffing resources to complete the project(s) described in Attachment B.
3. A review of the project(s) described in Attachment B has resulted in the consideration of all pertinent matters, including those related to environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances, attendant to the successful completion of the project(s).
4. Issues attendant to securing environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances for the projects described in Attachment B have been reviewed and will be concluded in a manner and on a schedule that will not jeopardize the deadline for the use of the TDA funds being requested.
5. That the project(s) described in Attachment B comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.).
6. That as portrayed in the budgetary description(s) of the project(s) in Attachment B, the sources of funding other than TDA are assured and adequate for completion of the project(s).
7. That the project(s) described in Attachment B are for capital construction or design engineering; or for the maintenance of a Class I bikeway, which is closed to motorized traffic; or for the purposes of restriping Class II bicycle lanes; or for the development or support of a bicycle safety education program; or for the development of a comprehensive bicycle or pedestrian facilities plan, and an allocation of TDA Article 3 funding for such a plan has not been received by the City of Alameda within the prior five fiscal years.
8. That the project(s) described in Attachment B which are bicycle projects have been included in a detailed bicycle circulation element included in an adopted general plan, or included in an adopted comprehensive bikeway plan (such as outlined in Section 2377 of the California Bikeways Act, Streets and Highways Code section 2370 et seq.).
9. That any project described in Attachment B that is a "Class I Bikeway," meets the mandatory minimum safety design criteria published in Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual.
10. That the project(s) described in Attachment B are ready to commence implementation during the fiscal year of the requested allocation.
11. That the City of Alameda agrees to maintain, or provide for the maintenance of, the project(s) and facilities described in Attachment B, for the benefit of and use by the public.

Attachment B

TDA Article 3 Project Application Form

Fiscal Year of this Claim: 2011/12

Applicant: City of Alameda

Contact person: Gail Payne

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Telephone: 510-747-7938

Short Title Description of Project: Install bicycle lanes on Shoreline Drive/Westline Drive, feasibility study to provide access through Neptune Park via an off-street (Class I) path, provide bicycle parking and outreach.

Amount of claim: \$109,546

Functional Description of Project:

The first project will install bicycle lanes and reduce travel lanes on Shoreline Drive/Westline Drive. The second project will fund the feasibility study to provide pedestrian and bicycle access through Neptune Park via an off-street (Class I) path. The third project will install bicycle parking at various locations throughout the City and provide a related outreach program.

Financial Plan:

List the project elements for which TDA funding is being requested (e.g., planning, environmental, engineering, right-of-way, construction, inspection, contingency, audit). Use the table below to show the project budget. Include prior and proposed future funding of the project. If the project is a segment of a larger project, include prior and proposed funding sources for the other segments.

Project Elements: Construction of bicycle lanes on Shoreline Drive and Westline Drive. Environmental clearance for the Neptune Park Path. Installation of bicycle parking.

Funding Source	All Prior FYs	Application FY	Next FY	Following FYs	Totals
TDA Article 3		\$109,546			\$109,546
list all other sources:					
1. HSIP		\$416,400			\$416,400
2.					
3.					
4.					
Totals		\$525,946			\$525,946

Project Eligibility:	YES?/NO ?
A. Has the project been approved by the claimant's governing body? (If "NO," provide the approximate date approval is anticipated).	YES
B. Has this project previously received TDA Article 3 funding? If "YES," provide an explanation on a separate page.	NO
C. For "bikeways," does the project meet Caltrans minimum safety design criteria pursuant to Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual? (Available on the internet via: http://www.dot.ca.gov).	YES
D. Has the project been reviewed by a Bicycle Advisory Committee? (If "NO," provide an explanation).	YES
E. Has the public availability of the environmental compliance documentation for the project (pursuant to CEQA) been evidenced by the dated stamping of the document by the county clerk or county recorder? (required only for projects that include construction).	NO
F. Will the project be completed before the allocation expires? Enter the anticipated completion date of project (month and year) December 2012	YES
G. Have provisions been made by the claimant to maintain the project or facility, or has the claimant arranged for such maintenance by another agency? (If an agency other than the Claimant is to maintain the facility provide its name:)	YES

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 17th day of May, 2011, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSECTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 18th day of May 2011.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda